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Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, April 19, 2021, at 3 p.m.

House of Representatives

FRIDAY, APRIL 16, 2021

The House met at 9 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Margaret Grun Kibben, offered the following prayer:

Holy God, in You we live and breathe and have our being. We pause to acknowledge that nothing will take place today that isn't under Your authority, subject to Your decrees, or reliant on Your sustaining Word.

Bless us, then, at the start of this legislative day. As we have made the first item on the agenda to orient ourselves to You, the giver of our lives, the creator of the universe, the author of our faith, so may our priorities throughout this day and in our lives, be thus aligned to Your will.

Call us to yield to Your leadership that You would direct our words and deeds. Censure us with Your loving judgment and may we with humility respond to Your divine guidance. Speak Your Word into our lives, that we would find refreshment in its promises and wisdom in its precepts.

Remind us in this moment of prayer, that when we place You first, You will order our steps and crown our efforts with success. In this is our hope and salvation. In Your saving name we pray.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to section 11(a) of House Resolution 188, the Jour-

nal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. FLEISCHMANN) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. FLEISCHMANN led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Chair will entertain up to five requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

TRIBUTE TO SHAWN FRIEDKIN

(Mr. DEUTCH asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. DEUTCH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to my good friend, Shawn Friedkin, who left this Earth on March 3 after a courageous battle with cancer.

When Shawn was 27, he was tragically injured in a car accident. The accident took away Shawn's ability to walk, but it also inspired him to dedicate his life to helping other exceptional people. He founded the nonprofit association, Stand Among Friends, whose mission followed Shawn's, to help people with disabilities to live a life without limits.

Stand Among Friends partnered with Florida Atlantic University to open the Disability Center, which provides resources and career guidance to help individuals with disabilities find meaningful employment. Shawn was a founding member of the Boca Raton Advisory Board for People with Disabilities. He advocated for the disabled community and was appointed to the White House Healthcare Task Force.

Shawn's mission was to help people with disabilities embrace their differences, realize their abilities, and leave a positive impact on their community. And his positive impact leaves a lasting legacy through the lives of all the people he helped personally, and most of all through his loving family. All of us are privileged to call him a friend.

Above all, Shawn was devoted to his family and cherished spending time with his loving wife of 38 years, Lisa, and their incredible daughters, Bennett and Sydney. We will all miss Shawn's endless kindness, compassion, and generosity. Our lives are better for having Shawn as part of them.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Shawn Friedkin's life on the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives.

HONORING THE LIFE OF LINDSAY OVERBAY

(Mr. EMMER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

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